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**FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT
COOK INLET PARALLEL PACIFIC COD JIG SEASON CLOSES
STATE-WATERS JIG SEASON OPENS
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The Cook Inlet parallel Pacific cod season will **close to vessels fishing jig gear effective 12:00 noon March 6 and the state-waters Pacific cod jig season will open at 12:00 noon March 7.** The parallel season closure coincides with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) closure of the Pacific cod jig gear sector in the federal Central Gulf of Alaska area. Fishermen are reminded that there is a 24-hour delivery time requirement following closure of a groundfish fishery.

The 2012 state-waters Pacific cod jig allocation is approximately 700,000 lb. The state-waters jig season will remain open until the jig allocation is achieved or the opening of the parallel "B" season on June 10.

Area registration in the state-waters Pacific cod fishery is exclusive and vessel registrations may be obtained from department offices in Homer, Cordova, and Kodiak or from the Department of Public Safety in Seward. A vessel may not participate in a state-waters Pacific cod season and any other Pacific cod season at the same time.

The parallel season will remain open for longline gear on vessels greater than or equal to 50 feet until closed by emergency order.

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